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## **Former SCDHHS Employee Sentenced to 30 Months for Misuse of Confidential Records and Conspiracy** *Case Involved Unlawful Use of Confidential Medicaid Program Data*

**(COLUMBIA, S.C.)** South Carolina Attorney General Alan Wilson announced sentencing in connection with a case involving the unlawful access and use of confidential records from the South Carolina Department of Health and Human Services (SCDHHS).

On November 5, 2014, Judge Alison Lee sentenced Christopher R. Lykes, Jr. (DOB 06/02/1975, Swansea, S.C.) to thirty (30) months imprisonment, suspended on three (3) years probation. In addition, Lykes was ordered to serve three hundred (300) hours of community service over the period of his probation.

Assistant Attorney General Michael Burchstead of the Attorney General Office's Medicaid Fraud Control Unit prosecuted the case.

On October 8, 2013, Lykes pled guilty in Richland County General Sessions Court to four (4) counts of willful examination of private records by a public official, public member, or public employee, under S.C. Code Section 8-13-725(B), and one (1) count of criminal conspiracy. All offenses are felonies.

Lykes was indicted on these charges in February 2013. The incidents giving rise to the indictments occurred in early 2012 when Lykes was employed by SCDHHS. The indictments stated that Lykes, while a public employee of SCDHHS, willfully examined, or aided and abetted in the willful examination of, confidential records for an improper or unlawful purpose. A separate indictment also charged that Lykes had conspired with another person in that effort.

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